(IV) above. [Placed in Library see No. LT 1328/97]

B. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 17 of Coir *Industry* Act, 1993:—

V (i) Annual Accounts of the Coir Board for the year 1995-96, and the Audit Report thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(iii) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) & (ii) above.
[Placed in Library. See No LT 1401/97]

Notification of Food Corporation of India

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्तिक उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव मैं खाद्य निगम अधिनियम, 1964 की धारा 45 की उपधारा (5) के अधीन भारतीय खाद्य निगम (स्टाफ)- (पहला संशोधन) विनियम, 1997 को प्रकाशित करने वाली भारतीय खाद्य निगम की अधिसूचना संख्या ई०पी०-32(12)/94, दिनांक 20 जनवरी, 1997 की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) प्रस्तुत करता हूं। [Placed in Library. *See* No. 2T, 15.12.97]

I. Report and Account (1995-96) of the India Trade Promotion Organisation, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Account (1995-96) of the Spices Trading Corporation Ltd, Bongalore and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Council for Leather Export, Chennai and related paper.

IV. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH Sir lay on the Table—

A. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

I (a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the India Trade Promotion *Organiation*, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 1641/97]

II. (a) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Spices Trading Corporation Limited, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the Working of the above Corporation.

(c) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library See No. LT 1640/97]

B. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

III. (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Council for Leather Exports, Chennai, for the year 1995-96 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the dalay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. (Placed in Libarary See No LT 1637/97]

IV. (a) Thirty-second Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the dalay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. (Placed in Libarary *See* No LT 163897]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI): I have to inform Members that a telegram has been received from Shri Bhagaban Majhi stating that he is suffering from fever since the 18th February, 1997, and therefore, he is unable to attend the sittings of the first part of the Budget session of the Rajya Sabha, that is, from the 20th February, 1997 to 21st March, 1997. He has, therefore, requested for grant of Leave of Absence accordingly.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Bhagaban Majhi for remaining absent from the sittings of the House from the 20th February, 1997 to 21st March, 1997?

(No Hon. Member dissented.)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI): Permission to remain absent is granted.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Our good wishes are with him for his early recovery.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Communications:—

(i) Sixth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report on Demands for Grants (1996-97) relating to Department of Post.

(ii) Seventh Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report on Demands for Grants (1996-97) relating to Department of Telecommunications.

(iii) Eighth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Third Report on Demands for Grants (1996-97) and relating to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

श्री ओमप्रकाश कोहली (दिल्ली): महोदय देश में विकलांग व्यक्तियों की दशा के बारे में श्री पी०जे० थामस द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित याचिका प्रस्तुत करता हूं।

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): Sir, I move the following Motion:—

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the Lok Sabha for the term beginning on the 1st May, 1997 and ending on the 30th April, 1998 and do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, seven Members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.